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IN RE APPLICATION OF: **LOHMANN ET AL.** EXAMINER: **Elena Tsoy**

APPLICATION NO: **10/056,168** ART UNIT: **1762**

FILED: **January 24, 2002**

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**ELECTION**

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated March 25, 2003 from Examiner Elena Tsoy of Art Unit 1762 has been received and reviewed. In response to the Examiner's requirement for a restriction to one of the two groups: Group I (Claims 1 -17) and Group II (Claim 18), Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1 -17) without traverse for examination in this application.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the specification:**

Please add the following paragraph immediately after the title as follows:

--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of European patent application No. 01810061.0 filed January 24, 2001.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel non-elected claim 18 without prejudice to filing a divisional application containing the same.